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SUBJ: GOA PRESS STATEMENT ON COSMOS 954

REF: STATE 19297

1. GOA EXPRESSED GRATITUDE FOR THE FULL TEXT OF DR.
BRZEZINSKI'S PRESS BRIEFING ON COSMOS 954. THEIR OWN
STATEMENT, CONSIDERABLY SHORTER, FOLLOWS:

A) THE SOVIET SATELLITE, WHICH WAS OF THE COSMOS SERIES AND
EQUIPPED FOR SURVEILLANCE PURPOSES, WAS ON AN ORBIT WHICH
INCLUDED AT TIMES PARTS OF AUSTRALIA.

B) THE UNITED STATES KEPT AUSTRALIA INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS
RELATING TO THE MALFUNCTIONING OF THE SATELLITE, INCLUDING
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THE FACT THAT IT WAS CARRYING A NUCLEAR POWER SOURCE.

C) WHILE AUSTRALIAN AND UNITED STATES OFFICIALS MAINTAINED
CLOSE CONTACT ON DEVELOPMENTS, ALL NECESSARY CONTINGENCY
ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE BY THE AUSTRALIAN ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION
AGAINST THE REMOTE POSSIBILITY THAT IT WOULD RE-ENTER THE
ATMOSPHERE OVER AUSTRALIA.

D) THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS
WERE CLOSELY IN TOUCH WITH DEVELOPMENTS.

2. THE COSMOS RE-ENTRY HAS RECEIVED CONSIDERABLE PRESS
PLAY, WHICH WILL BE REPORTED SEPARATELY.
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Message Attributes

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